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DECISION ON CYPRUS QUESTION MIXED

1. ALL SEGMENTS OF GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS HAVE NOW WEIGHED IN ON
DECISION OF UNGA GENERAL COMMITTEE TO ALLOCATE CYPRUS QUESTION
BOTH TO PLENARY AND SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE. REACTIONS HAVE
RANGED FROM OPTIMISTIC TO SKEPTICAL.

2. MAKARIOS MOUTHPIECE PHILELEFTHEROS PROCLAIMED IN SEPT 25

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EDITORIAL THAT UNGA DECISION WAS A VICTORY WHICH UNDERSCORES

TURKEY'S ISOLATION, HELPS GREEK CYPRIOTS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FRIENDS AND FOES "OR AT LEAST NON-FRIENDS," AND WHICH WILL GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO CYPRUS TRUGGLE AND STRENGTHEN GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI ECHOED THEME THAT DEFEAT OF EFFORTS TO CON-FINE DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM TO SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAS SHOWN ONCE MORE WHO ARE THE "REAL FRIENDS AND PERMANENT ENEMIES." RIGHTIST MAKHI, ON OTHER HAND, OBSERVED THAT ALLO-CATION DECISION HAS SHOWN AGAIN THAT NO HELP COULD BE EXPECTED FROM UN IN SETTLING CYPRUS PROBLEM. IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT ONE OF TWO SUPER-POWERS, THREE EEC COUNTRIES, TWO ASIAN GIANTS AND SIX NON-ALIGNED STATES FAILED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS (IN PLENARY), THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR REJOCING AT ALLO-CATION DECISION.

3. PRO-CLERIDES ALITHIA CHIDED GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE FOR NOT LEARNING FROM THE BITTER EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST AND FAILING TO ANTICIPATE EVENTS. "WE MERELY FOOL OURSELVES." ALITHIA CAUTIONED. "WE ARE HAVING A NEW RECOURSE TO THE UN TO OBTAIN ONE MORE RESOLUTION WITHOUT REALIZING THAT WITH EVERY NEW RECOURSE WE GET SOMETHING LESS AND THAT ONE DAY WE WILL BE TURNED OUT AS ANNOYING FROM THIS CLUB OF INTERNATIONAL ROUGES." INDEPENDENT BUT PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI SIMILARLY WAS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF GREEK CYPRIOTS LOSING GROUND AT UN. AS A RESULT OF CLEARLY NEGATIVE STAND TAKEN BY WASHINGTON ON THE QUESTION OF DISCUSSION OF CYPRUS AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA SESSION, PAPER WARNED, NOT MUCH CAN BE HOPED FOR. MAXIMUM THAT UN CAN OFFER IS REAFFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND "THERE IS ALWAYS THE DANGER OF OUR OBTAINING SOMETHING MUCH LESS OR MORE CONFUSED IN VIEW OF THE BEHIND-THE-SCENE MOVES OF WASHINGTON AGAINST US."
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